



PLANE NEWS



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Left to right: Palomar Airport Manager Willie Vasquez, Councilmember Jim Desmond, Airports Director Pete Drinkwater, Supervisor Bill Horn, Advisory Committee Chair Ramona Finilla and Carlsbad Mayor Bud Lewis break ground for new projects.

AIRPORT CEREMONY MARKS START of PLANE PARKING, STORMWATER DETENTION BASIN PROJECTS

Supervisor Bill Horn, Carlsbad Mayor Bud Lewis and County officials broke ground in November, marking the start of a \$6.7 million project to build a new aircraft parking area and stormwater detention basin at McClellan-Palomar Airport.

The project includes construction of a general aviation parking apron to accommodate more than 130 locally based aircraft, a partial parallel taxiway approximately 3,400 feet long and an underground detention basin to enhance airport safety and the quality of stormwater runoff.

Jet Source Open House

Jet Source held an Open House to introduce new facilities and services available at McClellan-Palomar Airport (CRQ) in Carlsbad, California.

Showpiece of the event was the new Business Aviation Center (BAC) with the addition of 40,000 square feet of hangar space and 12,300 square feet of office and shop space. This state-of-the-art building includes solar power that generates its own electricity. The entire \$9 million renovation includes the removal of two older hangars to make way for increased customer parking, a new fuel farm as well as the new state-of-the-art hangar/office space. The BAC is currently available for aircraft tenants and can accommodate the largest wide body aircraft such as the Gulfstream V. The new hangar also serves as the new home of the Jet Source Class III and IV Unlimited Maintenance and Avionics Repair Stations.

"This expansion adds needed space to support the unprecedented growth we have experienced this past year, but more

importantly, it confirms our commitment to provide our customers with an all-inclusive first class facility," added Frank Milian, Jet Source President and Chief Operating Officer.

A presentation emphasized that Jet Source is truly a full service facility. With more than 120,000 square feet of hangar space, Jet Source boasts a FBO with an Executive Terminal and provides aircraft charter, management, maintenance, avionics, ramp service, fuel sales and aircraft sales/acquisition.

In addition, guests were able to tour the FBO to see the remodel completed in February 2005. The remodel included new paint, carpeting, leather furniture, and is highlighted by a new state-of-the-art, environmentally controlled Pilots Media Room. "The new Pilots Media Room is another brilliant example of the level of unsurpassed customer service provided at Jet Source," added Scott Hall, Director of Sales & Marketing.



LOOKING UP at GILLESPIE, RAMONA

Ramona Air Show

Smoke billowed out of Doug Jardine's airplane as it fell in a flat spin toward the ground. Slack-jawed people on the ground looked up in amazement. At the last second, Jardine pulled out of the spin, goosed the throttle and sped into his next maneuver.

Aerobatics was just one of the highlights of the 11th Annual Ramona Air Show, "Props & Rods," in June. That was part of the "Props"—the "Rods" included nearly 300 classic cars and dragsters.

Ramona Airport's transient ramp and Air Attack Base teemed with thousands of visitors who got not only a close-up view of antique, historic, homebuilt and firefighting aircraft, but a heavy dose of dragsters and funny cars speeding up the runway on Sunday.

The air show began in 1995 as an open house for the Air Attack Base operated by the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). It's grown over the years to include food and souvenir vendors, static displays, flying demonstrations and, for the last two years, a classic car show.

"This was a great event," said Carol Fowler who chairs the Air Show committee. "Over the two days, we had about 15,000 people on the field."

CDF's S-2 firefighting aircraft demonstrated techniques used in combating wildfires, Classic Rotors flew its "Flying Banana" H21 helicopter and several pilots in historic military combat and trainer airplanes showed that a lot of love and care preserves our history.

Wings Over Gillespie

Frank Neuhausen stood under the B-17's wing examining an engine cowling. This is familiar territory for the 87 year-old World War II veteran. He still remembered much of what he knew more than 60 years ago.

During World War II, Master Sergeant Neuhausen maintained B-17s and knows them intimately.

"I used to climb in and out of these things," he says, "used to know every wire and bolt."

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Suds 'a fun provided by County Watershed at Air Show.



Camaro fascinates couple at 2005 Props & Rods.



Dragsters and hotrods raced on the runway during 11th annual event.



Escaping the heat.



CDF's OV-10 on display at Ramona Air Show.



Aerobatics—diving for the ground.

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Fallbrook Hosts Avocado Fest

Fallbrook Community Airpark held its annual open house as a part of the Fallbrook Avocado Festival this year.

Fallbrook High School's Pacific/Asian Club served the several thousand guests food and beverages and members of the Erocoupes of America Club displayed their vintage aircraft from all over Southern California. The Palomar RC Flyers treated the crowd to spectacular aerobatics by their members' radio-controlled aircraft and Copter 2 put on a number of eye-opening fire and rescue demonstrations.

Eagle Brings Beauty to Fallbrook Entry



Kyle Rabiyan completed his Eagle Scout requirements by landscaping the entrance to Fallbrook Airpark. Rabiyan, of Troop 748 in Carlsbad, got help from friends and family including Kathy Benyei, Christine Rabiyan, Hossein Rabiyan and others. He also gives credit to the County's Probation crew which helped complete the project.

Compass Points



Projects Improve County Airports

San Diego is known for warm, lazy days. While this summer's temperatures were indeed warm, lazy is the last word one could use to describe the atmosphere at County Airports. Projects continue to move forward in our tireless quest to improve general aviation in San Diego County.

At Palomar Airport, the designing of the north side ramp was completed, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued resulting in a contract being awarded to West Coast General. Contract work began in November and the ramp should be completed by April 2006. Furthermore, we have reached a preliminary consensus concerning plans for a business park that will provide increased income for Airports' projects while providing sorely needed office, industrial and warehouse space as well as additional jobs.

Gillespie Field also experienced summertime winds of change as final negotiations for the forty-one acre Weld Boulevard development neared completion. This project promises to enhance the economic security of Gillespie Business Park revenues. There was also much accomplished on the 70-acre Cajon Air Center parcel, formerly home to Cajon Speedway whose lease expired on August 15, 2005. If you have been by there recently you would note the tremendous change. Several of the buildings were used by the City of El Cajon for fire training. Some of the old automobiles were used as training aids for accident rescue and extraction exercises. Airports maintenance staff has been working closely with contractors to ensure this piece of land is cleared of all structures and debris in an efficient and environmentally compliant manner. This parcel will be developed for aviation use within the next 24 months. A request for proposals will be released sometime next year. If you are interested in developing an aviation facility, please call the County of San Diego Airport Information line at (619) 956-4817.

Another project completed was to restore environmental stability of the "Duck Pond" off Billy Mitchell Avenue in the Gillespie Field Industrial Park. The pond was cleaned and the area now has picnic tables, fencing, lighted fountains and a restored bank around the pond. It provides a safe area of quality for business park employees and the public to come, have their lunch and feed the ducks.

We are dedicated to supporting general aviation while maintaining a minimal amount of negative community impact. This includes a focus on noise reduction. We are currently in the process of working with flight schools, FBOs, and flight associations to encourage pilots to support Gillespie Field's voluntary noise abatement program reducing the amount of air traffic in noise locations as practical. We all need to work at being good neighbors.

Other airports are involved in noise reduction as well. Ramona Airport is building a practice pad dedicated solely to helicopter practice and/or operations. This will help resolve traffic conflicts between helicopters and planes and promises to make for safer airspace, reduced noise and happier neighbors.

As you can see, County Airports has been anything but lazy, and the summer heat seems to have fueled our burning desire to progress on all airport projects. Much more will be happening in and around Airports in

Calendar

GILLESPIE FIELD (SEE)

Gillespie Field Development Council: Meets third Tuesday of each month. All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the El Cajon City Council Chambers, 200 East Main Street, El Cajon. For more information, call (619) 956-4800.

Search, Call, Acknowledge & Notice (SCAN) Training: This safety program for drivers accessing Gillespie Field's aircraft maneuver and operations area is offered by appointment. For more information, call the Tower at (619) 488-1449 or Gillespie Field Manager Noreen Crane at (619) 956-4800.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 57 Composite Squadron: Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Ketema Aerospace, 790 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. Info – Captain Tom Charpentier, (619) 818-4011.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 55 (Cadets): Meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the San Diego Aerospace Museum hangar, 335 Kenney Street, El Cajon. Info – Major Dave Bowles, (619) 443-5849.

El Cajon Valley Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the first Monday of each month. For information or location and meeting time, call Frankie Clemens at (619) 449-0670.

Commemorative Air Force (CAF): Please inquire at (619) 448-4505 for tour information or for information on becoming a member of the CAF, which is located at 1850 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon.

Aerospace Museum: The San Diego Aerospace Museum hangar at Gillespie Field is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (619) 258-1221 for tour information.

The Wing is the Thing (T.W.I.T.T.): Bimonthly meetings are held the third Sunday of odd-numbered months (January, March, etc.) at 1:30 p.m., Skid Row Hangar A4. For more information, please leave a message at (619) 224-1497. Web site: <http://members.cox.net/twitt>.

Gillespie Pilots Association: Meets third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m., Gillespie Field Administration Building. For more information, call (619) 807-5178. E-mail: gpa@gillespiepilots.org.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Gillespie Field Administration Building's Transient Ramp, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon. The public may view and photograph the aircraft from the patio area on the west side of the Administration Building. For information call (619) 956-4800.

Antique Airplane Association: Meets quarterly on the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at various locations at Gillespie Field. For information and meeting locations, call Bob Blanchard (858) 536-7719. Web site: www.aaa-atm.org.

Gillespie Field Eagles is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing aviation training to high school youth. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., 1987 North Marshall Avenue, Suite #109. For more information, contact Vincent Ammann at (619) 675-4570. Web site: www.gillespiefieldeagles.com. E-mail: vincent@gillespiefieldeagles.com.

Fourth Saturday of each month, from 11 a.m. to noon: Safari Aviation West hosts an aircraft display at Gillespie Field. To display your plane, bring it to Safari Aviation West at 1905 North Marshall, east end of hangar complex.

MCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT (CRQ)

Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 286 (North County): Meets first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. in the ARFF hangar at

McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2188 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. Call Bob Wilson at (760) 489-9031 for more information.

McClellan-Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC): Meets third Thursday of each month. All meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. For more information, call (760) 431-4646, x5.

Palomar Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Mission West Properties, 2006 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. For more information, contact Robin Gartman at (760) 931-0546.

Palomar Airport Pilot Briefings: Have been discontinued until further notice.

FALLBROOK AIRPARK (L18)

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 87: For seniors and cadets. For more information, please contact Will Gordon at (760) 728-9568.

Coyote Country Chapter of the 99's: Meets the third Tuesday of each month. Time and location varies. For more information, contact Chairwoman Beth Cobb at (760) 723-1940.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: Last Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The displays will be located on the transient ramp. The public is invited to visit and owners of antique aircraft from other airports are welcome to display their aircraft. Contact Willie Vasquez at (760) 723-8395 for information.

JACUMBA AIRPORT (L78)

Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California: These sailplane enthusiasts meet at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Automotive Museum (north door) in Balboa Park. Call (619) 338-1638 for more information.

BORREGO VALLEY AIRPORT (LO8)

Borrego Springs Chapter of 99's: This women's flying group meets the second Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m., at the Borrego Valley Airport. Call Louise Phillips at (760) 767-4378 for more information.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Viki Cole for more information at (760) 767-7415.

RAMONA (RNM)

International Aerobatic Club: Meetings held the second Saturday of each month at Chuck Hall Aviation at 10 a.m. For more information, call Club President George Eaton at (619) 755-5042 or Finn Jensen at (760) 789-3047.

Display your antique or classic airplanes: 1 to 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month at Chuck Hall Aviation, Cruiseair Aviation and Pacific Executive Aviation. For more information call Chuck Hall Aviation at (619) 789-8178, Cruiseair Aviation at (619) 789-8020 or Pacific Executive Aviation at (619) 789-6384.

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Frank Neuhausen under wing of B-17
"Sentimental Journey."

Wings Over Gillespie

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Neuhausen's sentimental journey was one of many during the 11th Annual Wings Over Gillespie at Gillespie Field. With dozens of vintage aircraft in the air and on the ground, static displays and vendor booths everywhere, thousands who visited the three-day event left with smiles.

"Wings" is hosted by Commemorative Air Force Air Group One based at Gillespie. Several companies and organizations also supported the event. Theme for this year was "Salute to the Midway," the aircraft carrier now a museum at San Diego's Embarcadero.



Biplane ride over Gillespie Field.



WW II heroes talk about their war experiences.



Big crowd gets eyeful at Wings Over Gillespie.



Warbirds close up.



AD-6, aka A-1 Skyraider, flies during Wings Over Gillespie.

YOUNG EAGLES GET BIRD'S EYE VIEW at FALLBROOK

It was sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1279 and the Friends of Fallbrook Community Airpark.

They hosted nearly 70 youngsters and gave each their first taste of general aviation. Twenty-three pilots donated their time, fuel and aircraft for the event, which is held two to three times each year.

The kids, ages 7-14, came from northern San Diego County and southern Riverside County.



Pilot Vivian Steere gives last minute passenger briefing to Ruth Orfino of Fallbrook, during Young Eagles Day at Fallbrook Airpark.


Compass Points

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several major aviation leasehold developments. Additionally, Airports staff and private FBOs are working together on a user fee customs airport project at McClellan-Palomar Airport. Completion of this project will greatly enhance customer service at the airport, and great customer service is always a priority at County Airports. At Fallbrook Airpark a major waterline construction project has opened the way for new aviation developments now underway.

As you can see, the land owned by County Airports extends beyond airport perimeter fences. Each airport has its own unique and ever-changing environment with specific challenges that must be carefully considered when any new development is contemplated. County Airports staff is determined to maximize productive use of Airports property on both sides of the fence and to keep airport development balanced. This will help ensure a strong system that will support aviation for many years to come.

Safe flying,


Peter Drinkwater,
Airports Director



McClellan-Palomar Airport has seen several changes in the past couple of months. Long time Palomar Airport Manager **Floyd Best** retired after almost 13 years of County service to the aviation community in **Carlsbad**... Taking Best's place is **Willie Vasquez** who transfers from **Ramona Airport**... Also departing from **McClellan-Palomar** was Administrative Secretary **Dyan "Dee Dee" Phillips**, who transferred to the **Sheriff's Department**. **Olivier Brackett "O.B."** was promoted to Assistant Airport Manager at **McClellan-Palomar Airport**... **Lidia Sosinsky** was promoted to Senior Real Property Agent... At **Gillespie Field**, **Marc Baskel** is the new Airport Operations Coordinator. He comes from **Dallas-Fort Worth**.

Eagles Need CFIs

Gillespie Field Eagles, the organization that develops young pilots, is looking for volunteer Certified Flight Instructors to help with the program.

If you can help, contact Andre Zeehandelaar at (619) 925-3238 or by e-mail at: gillespiefieldeagles@cox.net.

Runway 27R/09L Rehab Done at Gillespie



Rehabilitation of runway 27R/09L at Gillespie Field is done. The \$3.2 million project replaced deteriorating pavement. It also relocated an existing perimeter road, relocated the displaced threshold at the east end and improved the runway safety area to meet FAA standards.

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